

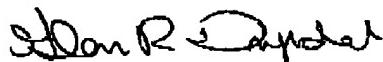
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REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 02, 2005. With regard to the Office Action, Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's continued thorough examination of the application. Applicants also note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 13 and 19 are allowable and that Claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended Claims 3 and 4 and have cancelled Claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 22-26. Following these amendments, the application includes Claims 3 and 4, written in independent form, and Claims 13 and 19. Applicants submit that the amendments overcome all of the rejections and the application is now in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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